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SENATOR RUDMAN  
RESPONDED THAT WHILE WE MAY DISAGREE OVER WHAT  
HAPPENED BEFORE AND DURING JUNE, WE MUST NOW  
DEAL WITH THE REALITIES OF OUR POST-TIANANMEN  
RELATIONSHIP. AMONG THOSE REALITIES IS THE  
FACT THAT AMERICA IS AN OPEN SOCIETY AND A NATION  
THAT CHERISHES FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR  
COMMITMENT TO THESE PRINCIPLES MAY LIMIT WHAT  
WE ARE WILLING TO DO WITH CHINA. WHAT HAPPENED  
AT TIANANMEN DEEPLY MOVED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.  
AND CONGRESSIONAL MEASURES REFLECT THE STRONG  
FEELING OF AMERICANS. IF THERE IS TO BE A  
HEALING OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, AND IT IS INDEED  
IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS AND IN THE INTEREST OF  
WORLD STABILITY TO DO SO, CHINA MUST TAKE STEPS  
INTERNALLY WHILE AVOIDING SUCH UNHELPFUL  
MEASURES AS CANCELLING THE PEACE CORPS AND  
FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS. RUDMAN NOTED THAT HE WAS  
SPEAKING AS A FRIEND OF CHINA, AS ONE WHO  
WANTED TO PREPARE ZHU FOR WHAT HE WILL FACE WHEN  
HE TAKES UP HIS POST IN THE FALL AS PRC  
AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, AND AS A SENATOR  
WHO HAS FULLY SUPPORTED PRESIDENT BUSH'S  
POLICIES ON CHINA. END SUMMARY.

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4. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER ZHU QIZHEN HOSTED  
A TWO-HOUR LUNCHEON FOR CODEL RUDMAN ON AUGUST 12  
AT DIAOYUTAI GUEST HOUSE. CHINESE PARTICIPANTS  
INCLUDED MFA ASSISTANT MINISTER LIU HUAQIU,  
MFA AMERICAS' DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZHA  
PEIXIN, AND CPIFA DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICA  
WANG DEREN. IN ADDITION TO THE CODEL, AMBASSADOR  
LILLEY, CONTROL OFFICER LAROCCO AND TRANSLATOR  
CHANG ATTENDED.

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RUDMAN: WE MUST DEAL WITH THE POST-TIANANMEN  
REALITIES OF OUR RELATIONSHIP

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5. SENATOR RUDMAN OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY  
COMMENTING THAT WHEN VFM ZHU REPORTS TO  
WASHINGTON TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POST AS  
AMBASSADOR, HE WILL FACE A VERY DIFFICULT  
SITUATION. ZHU REPLIED



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6. RUDMAN REPLIED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS SEVERAL POINTS:

FIRST, IT WOULD INDEED BE TRAGIC IF THERE IS A DETERIORATION IN THE EXCELLENT TIES OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. THESE TIES ARE NOT ONLY MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, BUT ALSO IMPORTANT TO REGIONAL AND GLOBAL STABILITY.

SECOND, HE HAS NO ARGUMENT WITH ZHU'S POINT THAT WHAT CHINA DOES INTERNALLY IS IT'S OWN BUSINESS. THAT IS NOT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT SOME AMERICANS MIGHT NOT AGREE WITH WHAT CHINA DOES INTERNALLY.

THIRD, CHINA'S LEADERS MUST ACCEPT THE REALITY THAT AMERICA IS AN OPEN SOCIETY. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAW THROUGH OUR MEDIA WHAT HAPPENED IN CHINA, AND THEY WERE DEEPLY MOVED. THE CONGRESS REFLECTS THE VIEWS AND FEELINGS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF TIANANMEN SHOULD BE INTERPRETED WITH THIS IN MIND. THAT IS REALITY, AND CHINA MUST RECOGNIZE IT AS SUCH AND DEAL WITH ACCORDINGLY.

FOURTH, CONCERNING MISREPORTING, THE SENATOR DOES NOT BELIEVE THE WESTERN PRESS WAS BIASED AGAINST CHINA. IN FACT, THERE IS  
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GROUNDS TO ARGUE THE OTHER WAY. FOR MANY YEARS, THE AMERICAN MEDIA HAS HELD UP CHINA AS A MODEL SOCIALIST COUNTRY CARRYING OUT REFORM AND MODERNIZATION. THE WESTERN MEDIA CONVEYED STRONG IMAGES OF WHAT HAPPENED HERE IN JUNE, AND THEY DID THEIR BEST TO REPORT IT AS ACCURATELY AND COMPREHENSIVELY AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE SEEN OTHER GOVERNMENTS RESPOND AS OURS DID, AND HAVE HEARD CORROBORATING STORIES FROM THE MANY CHINESE

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STUDENTS IN THE U.S. IN THE MOST POLITE TERMS,  
AMERICANS DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED IN BEIJING  
AS AN OVER-REACTION BY THE CHINESE MILITARY.

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7. RUDMAN ADDED PARENTHETICALLY THAT HE CAME TO  
CHINA BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT FOR  
THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP FOR CHINESE  
LEADERS TO HEAR FROM A FRIEND THE REALITY THEY  
ARE FACING IN RESTORING TIES. IT IS NOT POPULAR  
FOR A CONGRESSMAN TO COME TO CHINA NOW, BUT THE  
IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING A HEALING PROCESS  
WARRANTED THIS TRIP. PRESIDENT BUSH, A FRIEND  
OF CHINA, WANTS THIS HEALING TO PROCEED; BUT  
CHINA MUST RECOGNIZE THAT HEALING CALLS FOR  
ACTION ON THEIR PART.

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ZHU: THE BALL IS IN THE AMERICAN COURT

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8. ZHU THANKED THE SENATOR FOR HIS CANDID  
REMARKS. [REDACTED]

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9. RUDMAN REPLIED THAT CHINA MUST FOR ITS PART  
RECOGNIZE HOW OUR SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WORKS.  
AMERICANS CHERISH FREE SPEECH AND CONSTITUTIONAL  
RIGHTS. THERE ARE THOSE WHO TESTIFY BEFORE  
CONGRESS WHO MAY BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE  
PRESIDENT OR EVEN TO THE COMMITTEE. BUT FREE  
SPEECH DICTATES THAT THESE PEOPLE APPEAR.

RUDMAN: CHINA MUST TAKE PRODUCTIVE STEPS

10. RUDMAN STRESSED THAT AMERICANS DO NOT  
BELIEVE THE U.S. CREATED THE CURRENT STRAINS  
IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. IT IS THEREFORE COUNTER-  
PRODUCTIVE FOR CHINA TO CRITICIZE THE U.S. AND  
BLAME US FOR THE PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP.  
CHINA MUST AVOID TAKING MEASURES LIKE CANCELLING  
THE FULBRIGHT AND PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS, AND  
SHOULD CEASE JAMMING VOA. TAKING STEPS LIKE  
THESE IS NOT HELPFUL TO RESTORING TIES. IT

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IS UP TO CHINA TO CREATE A POSITIVE MOMENTUM  
FOR REBUILDING OUR RELATIONSHIP.

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RUDMAN: U.S. COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS MAY LIMIT WHAT WE CAN DO WITH CHINA  
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12. RUDMAN STRESSED THAT OUR TWO SIDES MUST NOT GET 'BOGGED DOWN' IN DEBATING WHAT HAPPENED IN JUNE. WE MUST CONCENTRATE ON WHAT HAPPENS FROM NOW ON. IN THIS REGARD, CHINA MUST FACTOR IN THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. ATTACHES TO FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD. OUR COMMITMENT TO THESE PRINCIPLES MAY LIMIT WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO DO WITH CHINA. IF CHINA BECOMES MORE REPRESSIVE, IT IS HARD TO CONCEIVE OF OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP BEING RESTORED. CONGRESS WOULD NEVER CONDONE THIS

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13. ZHU REPLIED



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14. IN RESPONSE TO A SERIES OF QUESTIONS BY

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SENATOR RUDMAN REGARDING THE CHINESE PROTESTERS,  
ZHU REMARKED

15. RUDMAN ASKED ZHU WHICH CATEGORY LECH WALESIA  
MIGHT FIT INTO. ZHU

16. THE SENATOR CLOSED HIS REMARKS BY STRESSING  
THAT HIS VIEWS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THOSE  
IN THE CONGRESS AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
WHO ARE TAKING POSITIONS AFTER CAREFUL THOUGHT  
AND NOT JUST EMOTIONALLY. AS A FRIEND OF CHINA, A  
SENATOR WHO FULLY SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S CHINA  
POLICIES, AND ONE WHO HOPES TO CONTINUE TO WORK  
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WITH ZHU WHEN HE COMES TO WASHINGTON. HE SPOKE  
CANDIDLY AS ONE WHO WANTS TO SEE OUR RELATIONSHIP  
RESTORED.  
LILLEY

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